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SUBJ: US-JAPAN FISHERIES TALKS

1. US DEL ON DECEMBER 6 CONCLUDED OUTLINES OF NEW BI-
LATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN. DRAFTING TEAM
NOW WORKING ON TEXT OF AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE CABLED
ASAP. HOWEVER, OVER WEEKEND DRAFTING TEAM DISCOVERED
MAJOR MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING GOJ VIEW THAT TANNER
CRAB IN TRIANGLE AREA ARE EXCLUDED FROM AGREEMENT QUOTA.
CLINGAN PLANNING MEETING WITH GOJ PRINCIPALS ON
DECEMBER 10 WITH VIEW TOWARD RESOLVING PROBLEM. WOULD
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APPRECIATE LOW PROFILE UNTIL CLEAR WHETHER CRAB

DISPUTE CAN BE RESOLVED.

2. BASIC ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A) KING CRAB QUOTA NOW REDUCED TO 300,000 CRABS. GOJ IS PROVIDING CONFIDENTIAL ASSURANCE THAT JAPAN WILL NOT FISH EVEN THIS SMALL NUMBER, AND JAPANESE INDUSTRY WILL MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT TO FISH FOR KING CRAB UNDER THIS QUOTA WOULD NOT BE PROFITABLE, AND THUS NO KING CRAB FISHERY WILL BE UNDERTAKEN;
- B) NEW TANNER CRAB QUOTA IS 3 MILLION CRABS IN VERY RESTRICTED AREA IN SOUTHEASTERN BERING SEA AND 8 MILLION IN REST OF BERING SEA WEST OF 164 DEG W AND NORTH OF 55 DEG 30' N. CRAB OPERATIONS SUBJECT TO PRECISE, STRENGTHENED OBSERVER PROGRAM UTILIZING US OBSERVERS, WHICH GOES WELL BEYOND LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT ACHIEVED HERETOFORE;
- C) HALIBUT PROTECTED IN BOTH BERING SEA AND GULF OF ALASKA BY SEVERELY RESTRICTED TIME AND AREA CLOSURES FOR JAPANESE TRAWL FISHERY.
- D) NEW POLLOCK ANNUAL QUOTA OF ONE POINT ONE MILLION METRIC TONS. US DEL BELIEVES THIS QUOTA TO BE VERY NEAR MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD OF RESOURCE UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS GAINED CONCERNING STOCKS. THIS RESTRICTION WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO CRAB AND HALIBUT BY HELPING REDUCE INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF THOSE SPECIES.
- E) JAPANESE FISHING EFFORT IN GULF OF ALASKA AND DOWN US WEST COAST TO CALIFORNIA REDUCED BY SPECIES QUOTAS AND ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON TIME, AREA AND EFFORT. THIS IS FIRST TIME SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON JAPANESE FISHING OFF WASHINGTON, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA. GOJ ALSO AGREED TO USE BOBBINS ON ITS VESSELS IN EASTERN BERING SEA DURING MAY, JUNE AND JULY TO REDUCE AND CONTROL INCIDENTAL CATCH OF CSFR. US DEL BELIEVES THAT THIS AGREEMENT, AS A WHOLE, WILL BE COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY UNDER NEW CSFR GUIDELINES. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT IS 2 YEARS WITH 60 DAY MODIFICATION CLAUSE.

3. FOR OES/OFA -- PLEASE TELEX TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF US-ROMANIAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT ASAP SO GOJ CAN QTE TAKE COGNIZANCE UNQTE OF ROMANIAN AGREEMENT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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WELL AS SOVIET AND POLISH AGREEMENTS UNDER PARA 9 OF AGREED MINUTES. PLEASE INDICATE WHEN US-ROMANIAN AGREEMENT CAME INTO FORCE AND ITS DURATION. SHOESMITH

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